

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2552 - SB 2679

February 25, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the proceeds derived from the sale of forfeited property to be used first to pay any court costs and litigation taxes that have accrued as the result of any action instituted to effectuate such forfeiture before being used to fund further law enforcement efforts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000

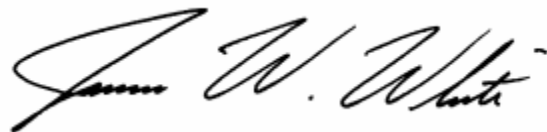
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- This bill would have no effect on net revenues derived from seizures and forfeitures. It directs funds away from district attorneys general and local law enforcement agencies currently receiving such funds and redirects those funds toward state and local court costs and litigation taxes.
- During an audit of the district attorneys' offices, the Comptroller of the Treasury found revenues derived from forfeitures and seizures statewide to be in excess of \$7 million. It is unclear how much of these revenues originated from cases in which there remained an unpaid litigation tax and/or local court cost balance.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director